

**Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group**  
**Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2003**  
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Attended:

Neighborhood Associations

Robin Plance, St. Johns, Chair, Administrative Committee Coordinator

Cathy Crawford, University Park

Business

Rob DeGraff, Citizen

Environment

Travis Williams, Willamette Riverkeeper

Recreation

Bill Barrett, Waterfront Org. of Oregon

At-large

Jim Robison, Citizen

Jackie Calder, Citizen

Joe Keating, Citizen

Excused Absences:

Environment, Travis Williams, Willamette Riverkeeper

Environment, Dorothy Shoemaker, Sierra Club, Secretary, Eval. Committee Coord.

Citizen, Steve Gunther, Progressive Products and Services

Other Participants:

LWG                Barbara Smith

DEQ                Jim Anderson

EPA                Judy Smith

DHS/SHINE        Amanda Guay

Meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, Chair of the CAG. Quorum checks OK.

MOTION:

Announcements:

Introductions

The next meeting set for October 8, 2003, same location.

August minutes approved and adopted.

Joe Keating states that Steve Gunther is not aware of being in default due to absenteeism. Robin says that he will call Steve.

Joe's questions:

What is being done with the excess TAG funds\*

Could it be used for McCormick and Baxter outreach\*

He suggests that capping of McCormick and Baxter urgent and should be viewed as a priority even before remainder of projects of the PHS because of its danger and toxicity. Could the excess funds left from the Superfund be used toward McCormick and Baxter\*

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Judy Smith announced that the McCormick and Baxter TAG had approximately \$20,000.00 remaining and could be applied for

- \* Joe Keating suggested that a lobbying letter be drafted for McCormick. He will e-mail this to CAG members.
- \* When President Bush visited Oregon, he and Governor Kulongoski discussed the possibility of funds for capping McCormick and Baxter.
- \* Joe said we should also follow up by involving Earl Blumenaur regarding CAG issues.
- \* Regarding the upcoming press conference, Joe suggests that it would be after comments are made on sampling issues.
- \* The CAG will need to construct a thorough presentation to inform the public.

Robin Plance announced he will take the leadership of that presentation, (dog and pony show.)

Rachel Coyote introduced herself and would like to join the CAG as Recreational Representative from OCEIT. Her background includes a degree in Environmental Architecture.

The OCEIT group:

- \* Conducts sea kayak tours on the Willamette River
- \* Conducts sea kayak tours on the Columbia River

Steve Gunther has been absent for several meetings. Robin Plance said he will call Steve to check on his status concerning the CAG.

Jim Andersen, a spokesperson for the DEQ then made his presentation, an overview of the progress and responsibilities of the Upland portion of the Portland Harbor Project.

**Portland Harbor Overview, Uplands**

- \* Overview of DEQ
- \* DEQ/EPA Roles and Responsibilities in Portland Harbor Superfund Project.
- \* DEQ's Efforts on Upland Sites
- \* Future Direction & Challenges
- \* Joint Source Control Strategy (JSCS)

A copy of the outline given by Jim Andersen will be kept on file with the minutes.

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When asked when EPA work plan comments would be available, Judy Smith announced she would inform the CAG when they are available.

Robin Plance asked what will the DEQ do with the remainder of the time allotted to the project instead of following the proposed agenda.

Jim Andersen remarked that the Portland Harbor Project was unique because the river contained so many types of contaminants. Most Superfund projects are simpler in nature because the contaminant is singular, rather than multiple contaminants.

Joe Keating asked what happens to contaminated outfalls when an owner can not be identified. Answer: This would be typical of locations M1 and M18 and would be in the Joint Source Control documents which will be addressed in early November.

**Future Meeting Suggestions:**

Ask EPA to present the progress of the Field Sampling Plan. Judy Smith will consult with Chip Humphrey to obtain a date of presentation.

Amanda Guay announced the fish data from DHS/Shine will be ready to present in November.

Robin Plance adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Note: Because the recorder did not pick up any voices at all, please assist me by supplying any additional details regarding the following:

We discussed Dave Stone/ DHS-Fish Sampling for PHCAG's November agenda.

Raguel Coyote's interest in joining the PHCAG and her business and background in the River recreational area.